

VILLAGE OF SCHOHARIE
Employees Meeting/Workshop – October 21, 2020

Meeting called to order @ 6:34PM in the Village Hall at 300 Main Street.

PRESENT: Mayor Caza, Trustees: Palmer, Johnson, Medak, Wood, OIC Rossi, Crossing Guard Bob Klingbiel, DPW Ken Bernhardt, Clerk/Treasurer Leslie Price, Deputy Clerk Debby Byrne, Code Enforcement Officer, Lloyd Stannard, Fire Chief Marty Pierce, FD Treasurer Dan Smith, Trustee Candidate Tom Price, and Mike Harrington from Lamont Engineers.

1) OIC – Brian Rossi

- a) A1 Waterworks Trucks have been repaired and noise issue has been resolved.
- b) Crossing Guard, some complaints made about speed limit by school. Brian's department has issued twelve tickets so far this month. Mr. Klingbiel said cars and trucks speed through the school zone and twice came close enough to almost hit him. Mayor Caza has suggested looking into borrowing electronic sign to show speed, having crosswalk signs repainted, and using orange coons. OIC Rossi suggested ordering a flashing stop sign with LED lights for the Crossing Guard. Mayor Caza also suggested writing a letter to the Times Journal regarding school zone speed and to Contact Assemblyman Chris Tague.
- c) OIC Rossi has been working with the Schoharie County Health Department regarding mass gatherings and Covid restrictions. Talked about Halloween, Garage Sale and Park Rentals. Clerk Leslie Price will call the Schoharie County Health Department to get a clear answer on the Village liability on renting the Parks.

2) DPW – Ken Bernhardt

- a) Water/Sewer Plants are running well.
- b) Clarifier work is completed. Paperwork sent in and they are ready for Inspection.
- c) DPW flushed hydrants which caused a watermain break on Main Street. DPW will be blacktopping that area this week.
- d) Main Street lights are all repaired and working.
- e) Ken has met with Mike Harrington regarding the water project and appreciates being kept in the loop.
- f) DOT removed two trees on Main Street
- g) Maintenance and repairs have been done on DPW vehicles
- h) Ken has discovered that the Village has been overpaying for Spedes Permits, he and Clerk Leslie Price have worked on adjusting these invoices and on October 20th the Village received a refund from NYS in the amount of \$6,300.00
- i) Mayor Caza asked about Water/Sewer Training, Ken has met with Joe Redmand about an apprenticeship program which will take him right up to the point of being licensed and is free to the Village since they are a member of NYS Rural Water. First class will start next week.
- j) Trustee Johnson asked about the electric at LaSalle Park, a total of five trees have been removed and cleared from the park. As soon as all cleanup is completed, the electric will be turned back on.

3) Code Enforcement Officer Lloyd Stannard

- a) In general, everything is going OK.
- b) Lloyd is working on catching up with Fire Inspections however many residents do not want him coming into their building during Covid.
- c) Lloyd has taken three days of online classes this week
- d) Jeremy May had court hearing and was given until November 16th to finish the clean up of his Main Street property.

4) Fire Chief Marty Pierce

- a) Fire Department has done two fund raising events, a Coin Drop with bought in \$2,500 and a chicken BBQ which bought in \$1,980.00
- b) Marty would like the Village to compose a letter for the Times Journal asking residents to help keep the fire hydrants cleared. Marty and Leslie will work on Ad for the paper.
- c) Marty followed up on the Emergency Management Plan for the Village. He would like to meet with department heads and come up with a plan so everyone is on the same page should we experience another county wide emergency.
- d) EMS calls are up, averaging 500 calls per year.
- e) The Mini Pumper is in good shape and being used about five times a day.
- f) All radios that the County purchased have been installed in all of their vehicles
- g) Property on Grand Street has never been signed over to the Village. Marty also asked if there is Insurance on this property. Mayor would like Leslie to contact Michael Breen to have him draft a deed. Shane Nickols will have Zoning information on this property.

OTHER:

Applications received for Code Enforcer Officer need to be sent to the County for approval. To date the Village Office has received three applications.

MOTION by Trustee Medak second by Trustee Johnson unanimously carried to go into Executive Session 8:00PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie J. Price

APPROVED